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TITLE OF INVENTION: BITSTREAM FORMAT FOR COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Jerome Grant II

Applicant(s)

RYNDERMAN, MICHEL

Art Unit

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment received 6-23-08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Jerome Grant II/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2625

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1 -8 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not show in claimed combination, "... macro-block data for a plurality of macro-blocks for a band of lines in the image and padding, wherein the macro-block data is followed by the padding data boundary; and wherein the picture header references an image scan index that indicates a number of macro-block rasterscans in the image scan data and a number lines per macro-block rasterscan. Following by entries of the index and wherein each entry in the index includes an offset of the macro-block rasterscan .

Claim 9 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, "... defining a bit stream as claimed for each band of lines..... defining the image scan data to include the rasterscan data as claimed and creating entries in the image scan index such that each entry in the index includes an offset of the macro-block rasterscan in an image scan

Claim 10 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach for each band of lines in the image, defining a bitstream in memory for a macroblock rasterscan using macroblock data for a plurality of macroblocks for the bands of lines, followed by padding that makes each macroblock rasterscan terminate on a data boundary; defining the image scan data includes data corresponding to a plurality of macroblock raster-scans;

and defining an image scan index that indicates a number of macroblock rasterscans in the image scan data and a number of lines per macroblock rasterscan, followed by entries of the image scan index; creating entries in the image scan index such that each entry in the index includes an offset of the macroblock rasterscan in image scan.

Claim 11 is allowed for the reason the prior art fails to show in claimed combination, "macroblock data for a plurality of macroblocks for a band of lines in the image; and padding, wherein the macroblock data is followed by padding, whereby data for each macroblock rasterscan terminates on a data boundary, the method comprising:

Reading a macroblock rasterscan from the image scan data; identifying an end of block code in the macroblock rasterscan; and reading a subsequent macroblock rasterscan starting from a data boundary immediately following the end of block code. "

Claims 12 and 13 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not teach in claimed combination wherein the image data includes macroblock data for a plurality of sets of macroblocks, wherein each set of macroblocks includes a plurality of macroblocks, wherein each set of macroblocks includes a plurality of macroblocks, wherein the macroblock data for each set of macroblocks includes data of the plurality of macroblocks in the set, followed by padding whereby the data for each set of macroblocks terminates on a data boundary; and wherein the picture header references an index that indicates a number of sets of macroblocks in the image data and the image data represented by each set of macroblocks, followed by entries of the index.

Claims 14-16 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not show in claimed combination, "... wherein the image scan data includes rasterscan data corresponding to a plurality of macroblock rasterscans, wherein the rasterscan data for each macroblock rasterscan includes macroblock data for a plurality of macroblocks for a band of lines in the image; and padding wherein the macroblock data is followed by padding whereby data for each macroblock rasterscan terminates on a data boundary the method comprising: accessing the picture header to locate the image scan index and accessing the image scan index to locate, for each macroblock rasterscan, the offset of the macroblock rasterscan in the image scan data.

Claims 17-19 are allowed for the reason the prior art does not show in claimed combination, wherein the image scan data includes rasterscan data corresponding to a plurality of macroblock rasterscans, wherein the rasterscan data for each macroblock rasterscan includes macroblock data for a plurality of macroblocks for a band of lines in the image; and padding wherein the macroblock data is followed by padding, whereby data for each macroblock rasterscan terminates on a data boundary, wherein the method comprises accessing the picture header to locate the index and accessing the index to locate, for each set of macroblocks, the offset of the set of macroblocks in the image data.

Claim 20 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not show defining a bitstream in memory for each set of a plurality of sets of macroblocks, wherein each bitstream includes macroblock data for a plurality of macroblocks, flowed by padding that makes each set of macroblocks terminate on a data boundary; defining the image data to include macroblock data corresponding to the plurality of sets of macroblocks, and defining an index that indicates a number of sets of macroblocks in the image data and the image data represented by each set of macroblocks, followed by entries of the index; creating entries in the index such that each entry in the index includes an offset for one of the sets of macroblocks in the image data; creating a reference in the picture header to the index.

Claim 21 is allowed for the reason the prior art fails to teach in claimed combination, "... for each image, defining a picture header followed by image data, including: defining a bitstream in memory for each set of a plurality of sets of macroblocks, wherein each bitstream includes macroblock data for a plurality of macroblocks, followed by padding that makes each set of macroblocks terminate on a data boundary; defining the image data to include macroblock data corresponding to the plurality of sets of macroblocks; and defining an index that indicate a number of sets of macroblocks in the image data and the image data represented by each set of macroblocks, followed by entries of the index; creating entries in the index such that each entry in the index includes an offset for one of the sets of macroblocks in the image data; creating a reference in the picture header to the index.

Claim 22 is allowed for the reason the prior art does not provide in claimed combination, "... wherein the image data includes macroblock data for a plurality of sets of macroblocks, wherein each set of macroblocks includes a plurality of sets of macroblocks, wherein each set of macroblocks includes a plurality of macroblocks, wherein the macroblock data for each set o macroblocks includes data for the plurality of macroblocks in the set, followed by padding whereby the data for each set of macroblocks terminates on a data boundary, the method comprising: reading a set of macroblocks from the image data; identifying an end of block code in the set of macroblocks."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 571-272-7463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles, can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Jerome Grant II/

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